

**INFORMATION PACK****REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER****For Information****1. EMPLOYER COUNCIL CIRCULARS**

EMP/4/24     Advisory Forum Membership and National Joint Council Update

**2. CAMPAIGNS****Stay Safe and Warm**

- This campaign now in its 16<sup>th</sup> year will run from October until March 2025 to help residents across Cleveland stay safe and warm during the colder months. The free initiative provides people of all ages with a range of equipment to help keep them warm depending on what they require following an assessment.

**Festive**

- This campaign will run from 29 November 2024 to 9 January 2025 and will focus on reducing the number of ADF's during this period with cooking, electrical and radiated heat being the main causes. It will use a multi-channel approach and encourage our communities to take care over the festive period and make sure they have working smoke alarms. The campaign will also encourage residents to book in for a safer homes visit and check on their families, friends and neighbours; particularly the elderly.

**The Brigade will support a range of national campaigns and awareness days including:**

- International Volunteers Day (5 December)
- Don't Drink and Drown (12-20 December)
- NRSP Drink and drugs driving (December)
- CFB Winter Vehicle Safety checks ( various dates in December)
- NFCC Smoke Alarm Testing Month (January)
- National Walk Your Dog Month (January)
- Dry January (January)
- World Braille Day (January 4)
- Blue Monday / Brew Monday (20 January)
- International Day of Education (24 January)
- Register My Appliance Week (22 – 28 January)

- Chinese New Year (January 29)
- NFCC Monthly theme (Cooking)
- LGBTQ+ History Month (February)
- Children's Mental Health Week (3-9 February)
- World Cancer Day (4 February)
- National Apprenticeship Week (5 February)
- Time to Talk day (6 February)
- National Pizza Day (9 February)
- Shrove Tuesday (13 February)
- Valentine's Day (14 February)
- Helpline Awareness Day (15 February)

### **3. HMICFRS CHIEF & CHAIRS EVENT**

This event took place in Marble Arch, London on 14 November 2024 and was attended by the Chief Fire Officer and Cllr David Coupe. The keynote speech was delivered by HMI Roy Wilsher, OBE QFSM and the following topics areas were covered:

- 2025-27 Inspection Plans
- Protection and Grenfell
- Staff Misconduct
- Leadership and Improving Performance

### **4. NFCC COUNCIL MEETING**

The Chief Fire Officer attended the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) meeting at London Fire Brigade on 27 November 2024. Key areas of discussion included the Independent Challenge and Support Panel which continues to provide external challenge, advice and support to the NFCC on its work around culture and inclusion.

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